

Your
Seattle
City Light

Randall W. Hardy, Superintendent
Charles Royer, Mayor



Call File
2

February 19, 1987

Elizabeth Waddell
Toxic Substances Section
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region X
1200 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101

Dear Ms. Waddell:

LUSP Project Report for January-Mid-February

The cleanup proceeds. As of February 18, noon, the oil cleaned was 516,086 gallons. The second rig started production January 31, doubling the cleaning rate. Previously, one batch (3,000 gallons) came out at 4 parts per million (ppm) instead of the target of 2 ppm and had to be incinerated in Texas. This equates to one tenth of a pound of PCBs incinerated or about 0.06% of the PCB destroyed so far.

On January 28 about six ounces of sodium reagent leaked from the sodium cask into its fireproof vault. The reagent flashed for a split second before the nitrogen fire suppression system extinguished the reagent. There was no damage or injury, but the Fire Department was concerned that Sunohio did not notify them quickly enough. They cited Sunohio for a permit violation and had the shift leader removed from the job.

As you know, we concluded negotiations with you on the means of cleaning the pipes in the plant.

At this time we are formally requesting that we start discussions to deal with the contingency of not completing the project by April 1, 1987. We have every confidence that we will have all the oil dechlorinated and the pipes rinsed by April 1. However, it is not certain that the tank will be rinsed by April 1, although it still may be. Our best estimate is that the project will be

Elizabeth Waddell
Page 2
February 19, 1987

complete by April 10. We have a high confidence that tank rinsing will be done by May 1, 1987. To follow up on this matter, or if you have any other questions, please call Tim Croll of my staff at 625-3105. Thank you for your continued support on this project.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By
LYNN DAVISON, DIRECTOR

Lynn Davison, Director
Environmental Affairs Division

TC:jf

bcc: Fletcher
Cuplin
McIntosh
Croll
EAD 942.3
File